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## Reply

*Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of Taisho*

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's note of this day's date in which you stated that, "inasmuch as preparations have to be made regarding Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the treaty respecting South Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia signed this day, the Chinese Government proposes that the operation of the said articles be postponed for a period of three months beginning from the date of the signing of the said treaty."

In reply, I beg to state that I have taken note of the same.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) HIOKI EKI.

His Excellency,

LOU TSENG-TSIANG,

*Minister of Foreign Affairs.*

## EXCHANGE OF NOTES RESPECTING THE MATTER OF HANYEHPING

## Note

*Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of the Republic of China*

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honor to state that if in future the Hanyehping Company and the Japanese capitalists agree upon co-operation, the Chinese Government, in view of the intimate relations subsisting between the Japanese capitalists and the said company, will forthwith give its permission. The Chinese Government further agrees not to confiscate the said company, nor, without the consent of the Japanese capitalists to convert it into a state enterprise, nor cause it to borrow and use foreign capital other than Japanese.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) LOU TSENG-TSIANG.

His Excellency,

HIOKI EKI,

*Japanese Minister.*

## Reply

*Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of Taisho*

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's note of this day's date in which you state:

"If in future the Hanyehping Company and the Japanese capitalists agree upon co-operation, the Chinese Government, in view of the intimate relations subsisting between the Japanese capitalists and the said company, will forthwith give its permission. The Chinese Government further agrees not to confiscate the said company, nor, without the consent of the Japanese capitalists to convert it into a state enterprise, nor cause it to borrow and use foreign capital other than Japanese."

In reply, I beg to state that I have taken note of the same.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) HIOKI EKI.

His Excellency,

LOU TSENG-TSIANG,

*Minister of Foreign Affairs.*

## EXCHANGE OF NOTES RESPECTING THE FUKIEN QUESTION

## Note

*Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of the Republic of China*

Excellency,

A report has reached me to the effect that the Chinese Government has the intention of permitting foreign nations to establish, on the coast of Fukien Province, dock-yards, coaling stations for military use, naval bases, or to set up other military establishments; and also of borrowing foreign capital for the purpose of setting up the above-mentioned establishments.

I have the honor to request that your excellency will be good enough to give me reply stating whether or not the Chinese Government really entertains such an intention.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) HIOKI EKI.

His Excellency,

LOU TSENG-TSIANG,

*Minister of Foreign Affairs.*